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~~THE EVENING STAR QUOTED U.S. GOVERNMENT~~
SOURCES TODAY AS REPORTING THAT FORCES OF TWO ANTI-CASTRO EXILE ORGANIZATIONS LANDED AT SEPARATE POINTS ON THE CUBAN COAST THIS MORNING.

THE SOURCES SAID THE RAIDERS WERE LED BY MANUEL ARTIME, HEAD OF THE MRR REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, AND MANUEL RAY, LEADER OF JURE, THE JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA.

THE STAR SAID THE SOURCES, WHO WERE NOT IDENTIFIED, REPORTED THE RAY GROUP LANDED AT AN UNDISCLOSED POINT ON THE NORTH COAST OF CUBA WHILE THE ARTIME FORCE HIT AT PALAO ON THE SOUTH COAST OF ORIENTE, THE EASTERNMOST PROVINCE.

THERE WAS NO INFORMATION ON WHETHER THE RAIDS WERE HIT-RUN OPERATIONS OR LANDINGS OF SUBSTANTIAL FORCES.

THE REPORTED LANDING WOULD BE ARTIME'S SECOND ON THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED ISLAND THIS WEEK. HE WAS THE REPORTED LEADER OF THE GROUP THAT STRUCK AT THE SUGAR PORT OF PILON WEDNESDAY. RAY WAS POLITICAL CHIEF OF THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION FORCE IN APRIL 1961.

THE STORY OF THE REPORTED NEW RAIDS ON CUBA COINCIDED WITH A DISPATCH FROM PUERTO RICO SAYING RAY HAS RESIGNED HIS JOB WITH THE PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT AND IS IN HIDING MAKING READY TO FULFILL HIS YEAR-OLD PROMISE TO RETURN TO CUBA BY MAY 20, ANNIVERSARY OF THE CUBAN REVOLT OF FIDEL CASTRO. RAY WAS A CABINET MEMBER IN THE CASTRO REGIME BEFORE THE REVOLUTIONARY PRIME MINISTER WAS PUBLICLY REVEALED AS A COMMUNIST. HE HAD BEEN A CONSULTANT TO THE PUERTO RICAN PLANNING BOARD.

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